

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1507

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Philip Hall on being named the 2021 Hubert H. Humphrey National Independent Pharmacist of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those outstanding professionals in the medical field who have devoted their careers to ensuring the highest-quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, one such distinguished professional is Philip Hall, PharmD, who was recently named the 2021 Hubert H. Humphrey National Independent Pharmacist of the Year, an honor most befitting his notable career in the profession of pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Hall Family Pharmacy in Jamestown, Dr. Hall was honored with other distinguished pharmacists and pharmaceutical providers in Orlando, Florida, on February 26, 2022, in conjunction with the annual National Community Healthcare Association conference and celebration; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey National Independent Pharmacist of the Year award is presented annually to a pharmacist who exhibits exemplary professional leadership, service to community, and commitment to independent pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, currently in his seventeenth year of pharmacy practice, Dr. Philip Hall began his remarkable career with one of the industry's retail giants before making the decision to start his own company in Jamestown; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hall and his family operate two pharmacies, one in Jamestown and the other in Clarkrange; the Hall family also expanded their company to include a sporting goods store, understanding the many benefits of providing sports medicine and promoting physical activity within the community; and

WHEREAS, Hall Family Pharmacy boasts a vigorous prescription service and health services that rival those of pharmacies with much more socioeconomic support; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Dr. Hall and his staff have encouraged other pharmacies in the region to take a proactive role in reducing prescription drug abuse in rural Appalachia; indeed, after the Hall Family Pharmacy opened its two locations, rural Fentress County experienced a correlated decrease in controlled-substance dispensing; and

WHEREAS, as a pharmacist committed to reducing the number of lives lost due to opioid overdoses, Dr. Philip Hall understands the importance of community education concerning opioid safety; through his pharmacies, he provides naloxone (Narcan) administration education and has made the product available, free of charge, to the community, including at local businesses and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Hall Family Pharmacy also provides a free vitamin club for children under eighteen years of age, has the area's broadest free-delivery service, and offers on-call twenty-four-hour access to a pharmacist, as well as a low-cost Rx drug program to assist individuals without insurance; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to the profession of pharmacy, Dr. Philip Hall funds endowment scholarship programs at the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Technological University, Carson-Newman University, and Roane State Community College, where he serves on the Roane State Foundation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hall has also been an active member of the National Community Pharmacist and Tennessee Pharmacist Association for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to managing a thriving family pharmacy, Dr. Philip Hall is a devoted father of four whose wife is a highly regarded English teacher; he is also the pastor of Pine Haven Baptist Church and an assistant baseball coach at the York Institute; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Hall's professional legacy will doubtless be one of steadfast and honorable service to the citizens of this State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Philip Hall on being selected as the 2021 Hubert H. Humphrey National Independent Pharmacist of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the citizens of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.